

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NORMAN JOHN CRAIG,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
GEORGE ESKIN, et al.,  
Respondents.

No. 2:21-cv-01116 GGH P

## ORDER

Petitioner, a county inmate proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has not paid the filing fee or submitted a request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The application attacks a conviction issued by the Santa Barbara Superior Court. ECF No. 1 at 2. While both this court and the United States District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S.

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1 484 (1973), any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the resolution of petitioner's  
2 application are more readily available in Santa Barbara County. Id. at 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. §  
3 2241(d).

4 Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is  
5 transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

6 Dated: July 12, 2021

7 /s/ Gregory G. Hollows  
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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